

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Barron County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

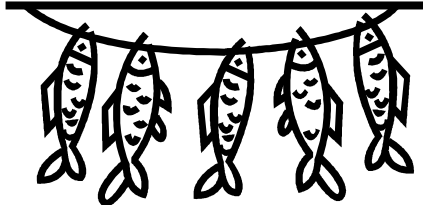
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Barron County, **62,703** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, Tuscobia State Trail had an **estimated local impact** of **\$4,274,533**.

\$98,200 invested at **Tuscobia State Trail** for resurfacing and grading updates.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **730 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Barron County.

25,172 extended growth walleye were stocked in **Bear, Horseshoe, Lower Turtle and Upper Turtle Lakes** under the **Wisconsin Walleye Initiative**. The initiative aims to strengthen Wisconsin Walleye Waters.

Community Partnerships

Barron County has **184 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

DNR granted a total of **\$36,737** to the Barron County Sheriff Department for ATV and snowmobile patrol activities.

Snapshot of grants in Barron County

A total of **\$2,064,901** was awarded in Barron County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat aquatic invasive species, public health and safety and forestry activities**.

Since 2011, DNR has granted **\$20,792 to local Fire Departments** to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Since 2010, **Barron County Forest** has received **\$284,273** in grants from DNR to purchase **320 acres**.

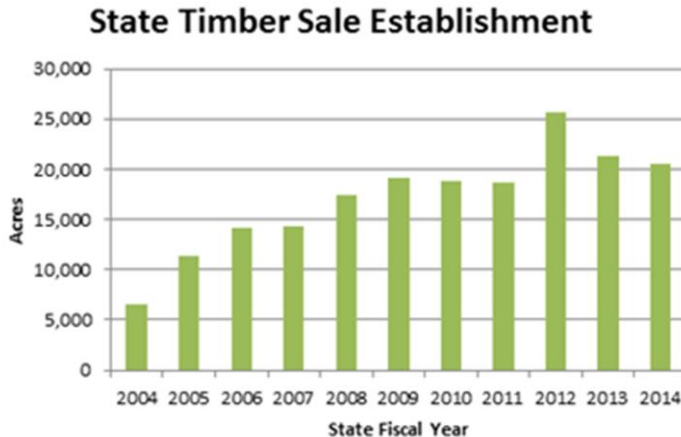
Forestry is one of the **top 10 employers** in Barron County. It produces **\$120.7 million** in economic output providing **\$40.3 million** in added value.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL) **37,362 acres of private land in Barron County** are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **7,760 acres of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation**.

In the last three fiscal years, **Barron County Forest** has received over **\$24,525 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

Since June 2010, DNR has **provided over \$16,239 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters**.

The following graph represents the average acres of timber sales established on state lands in Wisconsin annually.



Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR is working with Barron County Waste-to-Energy officials on clarifying what materials can be burned at the incinerator, completing a new health risk analysis and updating a newer emission control system.

DNR has been meeting with Barron County officials, including the Treasurer, Corporation Counsel and Economic Development Director to **evaluate options and tools associated with the redevelopment** of tax delinquent properties.

Deer Management in Barron County

In 2014, Barron County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR worked with two landowners who have 160 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 7,132 deer were registered in Barron County with 1,531 harvested during archery deer season and 5,601 harvested during the gun deer season.